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## The Structure of Studies in Germany

The higher education system in Germany underwent some drastic changes in the last 10 years, so as the education systems in other European countries. What led to such a change? How does the higher education structure look nowadays? How does this make Germany the most attractive study destination for foreign students?

## The Bologna Process and Its Implementation in 2010

The basic precepts of the Bologna process date back to the Sorbonne Joint Declaration in 1998 by the education ministers of four countries: France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. The Bologna Declaration on the European Higher Education Area, largely inspired by the Sorbonne Declaration, was signed in June of the following year, 1999 by ministers responsible for higher education in 29 European countries.

In the Bologna Declaration, ministers affirmed their intention to:

- Adopt a system of **easily readable and comparable degrees**;
- Implement a system based essentially on **two main cycles (BA and MA)**;
- Establish a **system of credits** easy to transfer (such as ECTS);
- Enhance the **mobility of students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff**;
- Promote **European cooperation in quality assurance**;
- Promote the **European dimensions in higher education** (in terms of curricular development and inter-institutional cooperation)

By 2010, the 47 European countries who participated in the Bologna Process have a single united Higher Education System.

## A Unified Higher Education Area

For students in Hong Kong, the tiered system after the unification is fairly easy to comprehend – *Bachelor* as the first degree of studies, which leads to *Master's* and after that *doctorate* (PhD) degrees. German Universities offer most Bachelor's as a 3-year programme; Master's programmes last for 2 years and PhD usually takes 3 years or more. Moreover, the Bologna Process also guarantees the **quality of the programmes** and the **international recognition of qualifications**. More and more programmes are offered in the **English language (International Degree Programmes)** to attract quality students from all over the world. For 2011 in Germany alone, there are **84 Bachelor's, 566 Master's and 281 Doctorate programmes** which are taught entirely or partly in English.



Since degrees are now comparable all across Europe, students have greater mobility during their studies, this also applies to teachers, researchers and administrative staff. This facilitates sharing of knowledge, resources and culture.

For more information on International Degree Programmes in Germany, please visit: [www.daad.de/idp](http://www.daad.de/idp) or contact our DAAD staff directly.



**CHE University Ranking**

It is the most comprehensive and detailed ranking of German higher education institutions. In addition to facts about study programmes, teaching, equipment, and research, the ranking also includes the assessments of 250,000 students on the study conditions at their HEI.



[www.study-in.de](http://www.study-in.de)



[www.research-in-germany.de](http://www.research-in-germany.de)

This internet portal is aimed at international scholars and provides a great deal of useful information about the research landscape in Germany. It also highlights recent developments in German higher education and offers advice and guidance for research visits.

**Success of the German's Bachelor Degree**

More than three-quarters of all bachelor graduates from a German university choose to study a Master degree after their first degree. This is published in a study on 30th September this year by the International Centre for Research on Higher Education (INCHER) in Kassel, sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

The study was conducted by interviewing around 70,000 graduates, within 6 months after their completion of a Bachelor degree. **16% of them have spent at least one semester abroad during their studies.**

"One of the objectives of the Bologna process is to have **at least 20 percent of the students complete a semester abroad or an internship in another country by the year 2020,**" said Annette Schavan, the Federal Education Minister.

Source: DHV Newsletter 10/2010 (<http://www.hochschulverband.de/cms1/newsletter-archiv.html>) To read the complete article (German only), please click [here](#).

**New Consul-General of the German Consulate General Hong Kong**



Since August 2010 the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong has been headed by **Consul General Werner Hans Lauk**. Mr Lauk has been Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kabul/Afghanistan from 2008 to 2010 and has previously been Head of the Economic Department at the German Embassy in Beijing from 2004 to 2008.

**Nobel Prize awarded to DAAD Alumnus Mario Vargas Llosa**



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Politics as unfulfilled promises and disappointing deeds is the leading motif in Mario Vargas Llosa's novels and essays. "Literature should be infected by what is happening out there, otherwise it is trivial and decadent," he said in an interview. Vargas Llosa was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 2010 "for his cartography of structures of power and histrenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt, and defeat". The Peruvian writer was a guest of the 1997/1998 DAAD's Berlin Artists Programme. Gao Xingjian and Imre Kertész are the other two Nobel Prize for Literature Laureates who were also alumni of the Berlin Artists' Programme.

**The PhDGermany Platform— Database with Direct Access to PhD Position Offers**

The DAAD [PhDGermany Platform](#) gives you direct access to PhD position offers in Germany. The institutes offering the positions are especially interested in international applicants, therefore in most cases the working language is English. The Platform helps you find the right PhD position offer or supervisor for your doctoral thesis and assists you with the online application process.

Via [PhDGermany](#) you may use different [search](#) options to filter the matching PhD position offers. You can also apply directly online through the DAAD Portal.

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### NEW! 2011 International Degree Programme Brochures

The brochures for the most recent international degree programmes (IDP) offered partly or entirely in English in 2011 have arrived! Please contact our staff for more details or visit our [DAAD IDP Search Engine](#).

#### Bachelor Programme



#### Master Programme



#### Doctorate Programme



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## 34 Scholarships for Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific)

University of Freiburg now accepts applications for study and for scholarships in the Master of Human Rights and Democratisation (Asia Pacific) (MHRD). 34 scholarships covering course fees and a living and travel allowance, will be offered to outstanding applicants from across the Asia Pacific region. This is made possible with the support of a significant grant from the European Commission.

**Application deadline: 10th December, 2010**

For more information, please click [here](#).

## Leibnitz Graduate School on Ageing and Age-Related Diseases



The Leibnitz Graduate School on Ageing and Age-Related Diseases (LGSA) is a joint programme of the *Leibnitz Institute for Age Research (FLI)* and the *Friedrich Schiller University (FSU) in Jena*. The LGSA provides ambitious training and research opportunities for graduates who wish to obtain a PhD in the fields of Molecular Biology, Molecular Genetics, Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, Neurobiology, Structural Biology, Immunology, Biophysics or Systems Biology.

The Leibnitz Graduate School on Ageing offers an international postgraduate programme in English for students with excellent qualifications. **70 to 80 PhD students from over 15 different countries** prepare for their doctoral degree in the 18 labs of the FLI or in various institutes of the university and the clinical centre. **The programme is free of tuition fees.** Unless students obtain their own fellowship, LGSA provides a working contract and a salary including health insurance and social insurance.

For more information, please click [here](#).



## Scholarships from Freie Universität Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies

The Friedrich Schlegel Graduate School of Literary Studies has as its aim the supervision of exceptional dissertation projects in the field of Literary Studies, examining European, American, Arabic and Asian literary texts, within the doctoral degree program "Literary Studies".

The Graduate School will award up to 10 scholarships per year. Scholarships are awarded for a maximum duration of three years. It is also possible to apply for admission to the program without applying for a scholarship at the same time.

**Application deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2011**  
Semester starts: October 2011

For more information, please click [here](#) or email to: [susanne.scharnowski@fu-berlin.de](mailto:susanne.scharnowski@fu-berlin.de)

## More Information on Scholarships at Facebook KL

As scholarships sometimes get announced at very short notice, our colleagues from Kuala Lumpur have set up a page so that scholarship information will be distributed instantly to those interested. Add this page and be notified straight away of current scholarship offers. Never miss a call for applications again!

Click here to go to the Scholarship Facebook page and read more.

## Application Deadline for Croucher Foundation's Scholarship in November

The objective of the Foundation is to promote research in natural science, technology and



medicine. The Foundation encourage doctoral degrees or post-doctoral fellowship research in Germany by permanent HK residents. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in March 2001 between the Foundation and the DAAD. The deadline of scholarship application this year is on 15th November 2010, at 5 p.m.

Please visit the [Croucher Foundation's home-page](#) for more details.

## Upcoming DAAD Events



### Talk "Study Music in Germany" with world renowned harpist Mr. Xavier de Maistre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Date: 11th Nov (Thur)  
 Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Venue: Rm G04, Hui Yeung Shing Building  
 (Chung Chi College, CUHK)

Mr. de Xavier is currently a harp professor at the College of Music in Hamburg. He will share with us his experience of music studies in Germany.

Students who are interested can drop us questions beforehand, kindly send them to: [daadhk@hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:daadhk@hkbu.edu.hk)

### Talk "Germany- Your destination for Study and Research", Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Date: 12th Nov (Fri)  
 Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Venue: Y408, Lee Shau Kee Building, Poly U

### Exhibition & Lecture "Ruhr2010 – Vision for Hong Kong", The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Date: 16th Nov (Tue)  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:20p.m.  
 Venue: Zone A & B, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

At the Opening Reception of Manfred Vollmer's Photo Exhibition "The Ruhr Mythology" at CUHK's School of Architecture Stefan Al (HKU), Doreen Liu (NODE), Meta4 Design Forum (HK), Graham Sheffield (CEO WKCDA), & Hendrik Tieben (CUHK) will present unique insights from their praxis & expertise in architecture, art & culture.



### Talk "Germany- Your destination for Study and Research", City University of HK

Date: 18th Nov (Thu)  
 Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Venue: P4703, City University of Hong Kong

### Christmas Bazaar at German Swiss International School

Date: 28th Nov (Sat)  
 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Venue: GSIS, 11 Guildford Road, The Peak

## Other Events

### 19th Hong Kong Oktoberfest 2010 18th Oct – 22nd Nov 2010

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the German traditional beer festival – Oktoberfest. Should you wish to experience this one-of-a-kind celebration with typical German beer, dishes and live band, you may want to check out the [Hong Kong German Beerfest 2010](#).



### German Alumni Association Christmas Dinner

Date: 12th Dec 2010 (Sun)  
 Time: 6:30pm – Midnight (Cocktail Reception at 6:30pm; Buffet Dinner at 7:30pm)  
 Venue: Happy Valley Suite, Hong Kong Football Club, Happy Valley

\$400 for members, \$500 for non-members  
 For more information, please visit [www.gaahk.org.hk](http://www.gaahk.org.hk) or send email to [info@gaahk.org.hk](mailto:info@gaahk.org.hk)

### Preview of 2011 Hong Kong Arts Festival

Germany is one of the most important partners of 2011 Hong Kong Arts Festival. A large number of world famous art groups from Germany will bring Hong Kong audience their best cultural performances from February to March 2011.



[www.goethe.de/hongkong](http://www.goethe.de/hongkong)

A non-profit organization which promotes the German language, and fosters international cultural cooperation.



**RUHR.2010.  
 European Capital  
 of Culture**

More on RUHR.2010. European Capital of Culture, an article from the German Consulate General of Hong Kong.

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**39th Hong Kong Arts Festival**  
17.2. — 11.3.2011

24-27/3	The Threepenny Opera, Bertold Brecht, Berliner Ensemble
3-4/3	Hallé Orchestra
8/3	Nicolas Altstadt Cello Recital
11-13/3	Carnations - Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch
14-15/3	Riccardo Chailly and the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
18, 20/3	Tristan und Isolde - Leipzig Opera
19, 21/3	St. Thomas Boys Choir, Leipzig
26-27/3	Lost Tango - Ute Lemper and the Piazzolla Sextet

Book you tickets before 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to enjoy a discount up to 15%.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.hk.artsfestival.org>

**Past DAAD Events**

**Promotion Weeks  
Hong Kong Baptist University**

Date: Monday - Friday, 13-17 Sep 2010  
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Venue: HSH Campus Sir Run Run Shaw Building 5/F, Hong Kong Baptist University

Date: Monday - Friday, 20-22, 24 Sep 2010  
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Venue: Shaw Campus (outside David C. Lam Building), Hong Kong Baptist University

**Consultation Session at University of Macau**

Date: 24th Sep (Fri)  
Time: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Venue: Administrative Building Room 102, University of Macau

**DAAD Booth at German National Day**

Date: 5th October 2010  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Hong Kong



DAAD Booth at German National Day

**Talk "Germany- Your destination for Study and Research" , The University of Hong Kong**

Date: 13th Oct (Wed)  
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Venue: University of Hong Kong, LE3

**The 15th Macau International Trade & Investment Fair (MIF), The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel**

Date: 21st-24th Oct (Thur-Sun)  
Time: 21-23 Oct 11:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.; 24 Oct 10:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Venue: Convention & Exhibition Centre, The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel



The European Pavilion and DAAD booth at MIF



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**Talk " Germany- Your destination for Study and Research ", The Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST)**

Date: 21st Oct (Wed)  
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Venue: N 137 (MUST)



MUST student Zoe shared her experience in Germany.

**Talk on "Germany- Your destination for Study and Research", The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Date: 4th Nov (Thur)  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Venue: TCW, The Chinese University of Hong Kong



Talk at the Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Talk "Goals and Roles of DAAD in Hong Kong and Germany" with German exchange students of PolyU**

Date: 27th Oct (Wed)  
Time: 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Venue: The German Consulate General of Hong Kong, Admiralty

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Contact person for enquiries

General course information

If you scroll further down, you can also read more on 'course description', 'costs, fees and fundings', 'required entry qualification', and 'relevant additional information'.

**Consultation**

**At DAAD Office:**  
Monday 5pm-8pm  
Tuesday 10am-12noon

Or by appointment  
Monday-Friday 10am-6pm

The DAAD Information Centre is closed on public holidays of the Hong Kong SAR.

**Monthly Consultation at Goethe Institute (Wanchai, HK Arts Centre, 14/F):**  
First Monday of each month 7pm-8pm

Contact details see p.1